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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H01-063255,
published September 3, 1989 (previously submitted in IDS filed May 12, 2005).
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H12-067810,
published March 3, 2000.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the reference previously submitted in Information Disclosure Statement on May 12, 2005.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Korean Office Action dated July 28, 2005 and an English translation of pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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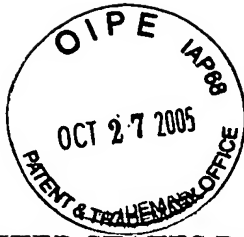
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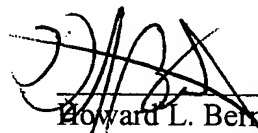
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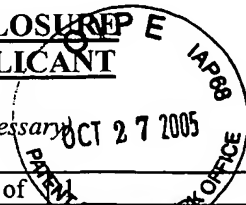
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Claims 1 through 26 of the present application relate to a cold cathode lamp characterized in that it comprises a nitride comprising one or more of titanium (Ti), zirconium (Zr), hafnium (Hf), niobium (Nb), and tantalum (Ta). Given the technical constitution of Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication S64-63255 (3.9.89, hereinafter referred to as "Cited Invention 1"), wherein the discharge electrodes of a discharge lamp in a discharge device consist of a sintered compact of nitrides or carbides of conductive high melting point material, and the nitride sintered compacts comprise TiN and ZrN, and the technical constitution of Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H12-67810 (3.3.2000, hereinafter referred to as "Cited Invention 2"), wherein an electron discharge material is housed inside a vessel and the vessel and electron discharge material have as their main components at least one composite oxide containing nitrogen and/or composite oxide containing a first component comprising at least one of Ba, Sr, and Ca, a second component comprising at least one of Zr and Ti and a third component comprising at least one of Ta and Nb as the metal element component, said claims of the present application could be easily invented by a person having ordinary knowledge in this technical field based on Cited Inventions 1 and 2.

(ATTACHMENTS)

Attachment 1 Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H01-063255 (3.9.1989) 1 copy. END.

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